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WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES
AND PEOPLES

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES

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PITCAIRN

A. Consideration by the Subcommittee

1. The Subcommittee considered the Territory of Pitcairn at its 621st to 623rd and 638th meetings, between 16 April and 2 August 1991.

2. During its consideration of the item, the Subcommittee had before it the working paper prepared by the Secretariat on the Territory (A/AC.109/1057).

3. The Subcommittee conducted a thorough review of the political, economic and social conditions in the Territory in the light of the information contained in the working paper prepared by the Secretariat, as well as information furnished by a petitioner who appeared before the Subcommittee.

4. The Subcommittee noted with regret that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the administering Power concerned, did not participate in its deliberations. In this connection, and in view of the efforts deployed by the Special Committee to streamline and rationalize its work, the Subcommittee once again appeals to the United Kingdom to reconsider its position and to resume its participation in the work of the Special Committee.

B. Adoption of the report

5. Having carefully examined the situation in Pitcairn, the Subcommittee adopted by consensus a draft decision on the Territory at its 638th meeting, on 2 August 1991, for consideration by the Special Committee (see para. 7).

6. The Subcommittee adopted the present report at the same meeting.

C. Draft decision

7. The Subcommittee submits the following draft decision concerning Pitcairn for adoption by the Special Committee:

> "The Special Committee, having examined the situation in Pitcairn, reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Pitcairn to self-determination in conformity with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, which fully applies to the Territory. The Committee further reaffirms the responsibility of the administering Power to promote the economic and social development of the Territory. The Committee urges the administering Power to continue to respect the very individual life-style that the people of the Territory have chosen and to preserve, promote and protect it. The Committee decides to continue to examine the question of Pitcairn at its next session and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session."